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Senate Democrats respond to SB1062 veto

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Senate Democratic Leader Anna Tovar (LD19), on behalf of the Senate Democratic Caucus, released the following statement on Governor Brewer's veto of SB1062:

"Once again Arizona has been in the headlines for the wrong reasons," said Sen. Tovar.

"SB 1062 permits discrimination under the guise of religious freedom. With the express consent of Republicans in this Legislature, many Arizonans would have found themselves members of a separate and unequal class under this law because of their sexual orientation.

"It tarnished our image, nationally and around the world, and hurt our economy.

"A major convention has been cancelled, tourism dollars have been lost, and business leaders say that companies are reconsidering whether to bring thousands of jobs to Arizona.

"Worst of all, LGBT Arizonans have been made to feel that, in the state they call home, the belief that all people are created equal may not apply to them in the eyes of certain elected officials.

"We are glad that Governor Brewer vetoed this devastating bill that would have marginalized members of our LGBT community and others.

"We want the nation and the world to know that SB 1062, a mean-spirited effort to legally sanction discrimination, is not representative of our state.

"Arizonans expect us to be working on the things that matter to them, like improving education, fixing CPS, creating jobs and growing the economy.

"It's time to move Arizona forward and make sure something like SB1062 never happens again. It's time to show the nation and the world what Arizona is really about."

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